customs airport with limited international operations. There is no proposal at present to declare the Tiruchirappli airport as an International Airport.

Direct Flights between Hyderabad and London

2670. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Airways is contemplating to operate direct flights from Hyderabad to London in near future: and

(b) the number of flights British Airways is operating from India at present with places from where they originate together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) British Airways is presently operating a total of 18 services/week from Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai to London deploying a total of 5898 seats. Hyderabad is not presently available as a point of call to the British Airways.

Appointment of Traffic Assistants in IA

2671. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of persons appointed as Traffic Assistants in Indian Airlines on the basis of recommendations from Ministers and high officials;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted against such matter;

(c) if so, the details thereof with its outcome; and

(d) if not, by when the inquiry report is likely to be presented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Appintments are made as per Recruitment and Promotion Rules of Indian Airlines. No Traffic Assistant has been appointed in Indian Airlines on the basis of recommendations from Ministers and high officials.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.